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U.S. District Court District of Columbia (Washington, DC) CIVIL DOCKET FOR CASE #: 1:18-cv-00117-EGS

PUBLIC CITIZEN FOUNDATION v. UNITED STATES

DEPARTMENT OF LABOR et al Assigned to: Judge Emmet G. Sullivan Cause: 05:552 Freedom of Information Act Date Filed: 01/19/2018 Jury Demand: None

Nature of Suit: 895 Freedom of

Information Act

Jurisdiction: Federal Question

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Date Filed	#	Docket Text
01/19/2018	1	COMPLAINT against ALL DEFENDANTS (Filing fee \$ 400 receipt number 0090–5293649) filed by PUBLIC CITIZEN FOUNDATION. (Attachments: # 1 Civil Cover Sheet, # 2 Summons, # 3 Summons, # 4 Summons, # 5 Summons)(Sherman, Sean) (Entered: 01/19/2018)

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01/19/2018		Case Assigned to Judge Emmet G. Sullivan. (zmd) (Entered: 01/22/2018)
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01/21/2018	2	NOTICE of Appearance by Michael T. Kirkpatrick on behalf of All Plaintiffs (Kirkpatrick, Michael) (Entered: 01/21/2018)
01/22/2018	<u>3</u>	SUMMONS (4) Issued Electronically as to OCCUPATIONAL SAFETY AND HEALTH ADMINISTRATION, UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF LABOR, U.S. Attorney and U.S. Attorney General (Attachments: # 1 Notice and Consent) (zmd) (Entered: 01/22/2018)
01/23/2018	4	STANDING ORDER: The parties are directed to read the attached Standing Order Governing Civil Cases Before Judge Emmet G. Sullivan in its entirety upon receipt. The parties are hereby ORDERED to comply with the directives in the attached Standing Order. Signed by Judge Emmet G. Sullivan on 01/23/18. (Attachment: # 1 Exhibit 1) (mac) (Entered: 01/23/2018)
02/01/2018	<u>5</u>	RETURN OF SERVICE/AFFIDAVIT of Summons and Complaint Executed as to the United States Attorney. Date of Service Upon United States Attorney on 1/22/2018. Answer due for ALL FEDERAL DEFENDANTS by 2/21/2018. (Sherman, Sean) (Entered: 02/01/2018)
02/01/2018	<u>6</u>	RETURN OF SERVICE/AFFIDAVIT of Summons and Complaint Executed on United States Attorney General. Date of Service Upon United States Attorney General 1/29/2018. (Sherman, Sean) (Entered: 02/01/2018)
02/01/2018	7	RETURN OF SERVICE/AFFIDAVIT of Summons and Complaint Executed. OCCUPATIONAL SAFETY AND HEALTH ADMINISTRATION served on 1/29/2018 (Sherman, Sean) (Entered: 02/01/2018)
02/01/2018	<u>8</u>	RETURN OF SERVICE/AFFIDAVIT of Summons and Complaint Executed. UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF LABOR served on 1/29/2018 (Sherman, Sean) (Entered: 02/01/2018)
02/21/2018	9	NOTICE of Appearance by Jason Todd Cohen on behalf of All Defendants (Cohen, Jason) (Entered: 02/21/2018)
02/21/2018	<u>10</u>	ANSWER to 1 Complaint by OCCUPATIONAL SAFETY AND HEALTH ADMINISTRATION, UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF LABOR.(Cohen, Jason) Modified to add link on 2/22/2018 (znmw). (Entered: 02/21/2018)
03/07/2018		MINUTE ORDER. Plaintiff brings this action pursuant to the Freedom of Information Act ("FOIA"), 5 U.S.C. § 552. The parties are directed to meet and confer and propose a joint scheduling order for further proceedings in this case by no later than April 13, 2018. The parties' joint proposed scheduling order shall address the following: (1) the status of plaintiff's FOIA request; (2) the anticipated number of documents responsive to plaintiff's FOIA request; (3) the anticipated date(s) for release of documents responsive to plaintiff's FOIA request; (4) whether a motion for an Open America stay is likely in this case; (5) whether a Vaughn index will be required in this case; (6) whether this case would benefit from referral to a magistrate judge or the District Court Mediation Program for purposes of settlement; and (7) a proposed briefing schedule for dispositive motions, if applicable. If the parties are unable to agree on a joint recommendation, the joint proposed scheduling order shall include each party's individual recommendations. Signed by Judge Emmet G. Sullivan on March 7, 2018. (lcegs2) (Entered: 03/07/2018)
03/07/2018		Set/Reset Deadlines: Joint Proposed Scheduling Order due by 4/13/2018. (mac) (Entered: 03/07/2018)
04/13/2018	11	PROPOSED BRIEFING SCHEDULE (<i>Joint</i>) and Proposed Order by PUBLIC CITIZEN FOUNDATION. (Attachments: # 1 Text of Proposed Order)(Sherman, Sean) (Entered: 04/13/2018)
04/15/2018		MINUTE ORDER. In view of the parties' joint status report, the parties are directed to comply with the following schedule: plaintiff shall file its amended complaint by no later than April 17, 2018; defendants' motion for summary judgment and Vaughn index shall be filed by no later than May 25, 2018; plaintiff's combined opposition and cross—motion for summary judgment shall be filed by no later than June 25, 2018; defendants' combined reply and opposition to plaintiff's cross—motion shall be filed by

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		no later than August 1, 2018; and plaintiff's reply in support of its cross—motion shall be filed by no later than August 22, 2018. Signed by Judge Emmet G. Sullivan on April 15, 2018. (lcegs2) (Entered: 04/15/2018)
04/16/2018		Set/Reset Deadlines: Amended Complaint due by 4/17/2018. Defendants Motion for Summary Judgment and Vaughn Index due by 5/25/2018. Plaintiff's Combined Opposition And Cross–Motion For Summary Judgment due by 6/25/2018. Defendants' Combined Reply And Opposition To Plaintiff's Cross–Motion due by 8/1/2018. Plaintiff's Reply In Support Of Its Cross–Motion due by 8/22/2018. (mac) (Entered: 04/16/2018)
04/16/2018	<u>12</u>	AMENDED COMPLAINT against All Defendants filed by PUBLIC CITIZEN FOUNDATION.(Sherman, Sean) (Entered: 04/16/2018)
05/25/2018	<u>13</u>	Consent MOTION for Extension of Time to <i>File Brief and to Amend Briefing Schedule</i> by UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF LABOR (Attachments: # <u>1</u> Text of Proposed Order)(Cohen, Jason) (Entered: 05/25/2018)
06/01/2018	<u>14</u>	MOTION for Summary Judgment by OCCUPATIONAL SAFETY AND HEALTH ADMINISTRATION, UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF LABOR (Attachments: # 1 Memorandum in Support, # 2 Statement of Facts Not in Dispute, # 3 Exhibit 1 – Declaration of Amanda L. Edens, # 4 Exhibit 2 – Declaration of Thomas Galassi, # 5 Text of Proposed Order)(Cohen, Jason) (Entered: 06/01/2018)
06/11/2018		MINUTE ORDER granting 13 defendant's consent motion for extension of the briefing schedule. The parties are directed to comply with the following briefing schedule: (1) plaintiff's combined opposition and cross-motion for summary judgment shall be filed by no later than June 29, 2018; defendant's combined reply and opposition to plaintiff's cross-motion shall be filed by no later than August 10, 2018; and plaintiff's reply in support of its cross-motion shall be filed by no later than August 31, 2018. Signed by Judge Emmet G. Sullivan on June 11, 2018. (lcegs2) (Entered: 06/11/2018)
06/12/2018		Set/Reset Deadlines: Plaintiff's Combined Opposition And Cross–Motion For Summary Judgment due by 6/29/2018. Defendant's Combined Reply And Opposition To Plaintiff's Cross–Motion due by 8/10/2018. Plaintiff's Reply In Support Of Its Cross–Motion due by 8/31/2018. (mac) (Entered: 06/12/2018)
06/29/2018	<u>15</u>	MOTION for Summary Judgment by PUBLIC CITIZEN FOUNDATION (Attachments: # 1 Declaration of David Michaels, PHD, MPM, # 2 Declaration of Eric Frumin, # 3 Declaration of Margaret (Peg) Seminario, MS, # 4 Text of Proposed Order)(Sherman, Sean) (Entered: 06/29/2018)
06/29/2018	<u>16</u>	Memorandum in opposition to re <u>14</u> MOTION for Summary Judgment <i>and in Support of Plaintiff's Motion for Summary Judgment</i> filed by PUBLIC CITIZEN FOUNDATION. (Attachments: # <u>1</u> Declaration of David Michaels, PHD, MPM, # <u>2</u> Declaration of Eric Frumin, # <u>3</u> Declaration of Margaret (Peg) Seminario, MS, # <u>4</u> Text of Proposed Order)(Sherman, Sean) (Entered: 06/29/2018)
08/08/2018	<u>17</u>	Consent MOTION for Extension of Time to File Response/Reply as to <u>15</u> MOTION for Summary Judgment , <u>14</u> MOTION for Summary Judgment by UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF LABOR (Attachments: # <u>1</u> Text of Proposed Order)(Cohen, Jason) (Entered: 08/08/2018)
08/10/2018		MINUTE ORDER granting <u>17</u> defendant's consent motion for extension of time. Defendant shall file its combined reply in support of its motion for summary judgment and opposition to plaintiff's cross—motion for summary judgment by no later than August 17, 2018. Plaintiff shall file its reply in support of its cross—motion by no later than September 7, 2018. Signed by Judge Emmet G. Sullivan on 8/10/2018. (lcegs2) (Entered: 08/10/2018)
08/13/2018		Set/Reset Deadlines: Defendant Combined Reply In Support Of Its Motion For Summary Judgment And Opposition To Plaintiff's Cross–Motion For Summary Judgment due by 8/17/2018. Plaintiff Reply In Support Of Its Cross–Motion due by 9/7/2018. (mac) (Entered: 08/13/2018)
08/17/2018	<u>18</u>	REPLY to opposition to motion re 14 MOTION for Summary Judgment filed by OCCUPATIONAL SAFETY AND HEALTH ADMINISTRATION, UNITED

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		STATES DEPARTMENT OF LABOR. (Attachments: # 1 Supplemental Declaration of Thomas Galassi, # 2 Defendant's Reply to Counter–Statement of Material Facts)(Cohen, Jason) (Entered: 08/17/2018)
08/17/2018	<u>19</u>	Memorandum in opposition to re <u>15</u> MOTION for Summary Judgment (<i>Duplicate Filing of ECF No. 18</i>) filed by OCCUPATIONAL SAFETY AND HEALTH ADMINISTRATION, UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF LABOR. (Attachments: # <u>1</u> Supplemental Declaration of Thomas Galassi, # <u>2</u> Defendant's Reply to Counter–Statement of Material Facts)(Cohen, Jason) (Entered: 08/17/2018)
09/05/2018	<u>20</u>	REPLY to opposition to motion re <u>15</u> MOTION for Summary Judgment filed by PUBLIC CITIZEN FOUNDATION. (Sherman, Sean) (Entered: 09/05/2018)
10/22/2018	<u>21</u>	NOTICE OF SUPPLEMENTAL AUTHORITY by PUBLIC CITIZEN FOUNDATION (Attachments: # 1 Exhibit 1, # 2 Exhibit 2)(Sherman, Sean) (Entered: 10/22/2018)
11/05/2018	<u>22</u>	RESPONSE re <u>21</u> NOTICE OF SUPPLEMENTAL AUTHORITY filed by OCCUPATIONAL SAFETY AND HEALTH ADMINISTRATION, UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF LABOR. (Attachments: # <u>1</u> Supplemental Declaration of Amanda L. Edens)(Cohen, Jason) (Entered: 11/05/2018)
11/29/2018	<u>23</u>	NOTICE OF WITHDRAWAL OF APPEARANCE as to PUBLIC CITIZEN FOUNDATION. Attorney Sean M. Sherman terminated. (Sherman, Sean) (Entered: 11/29/2018)